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EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS : AUSTRALIA, DECEMBER 1974
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

MAIN FEATURES

* The number of wage and salary earners in civilian employment (excluding those in agriculture and private domestic service) decreased by 32,800 during December 1974. This was the largest fall recorded in any month since July 1949.

* 1974 was the first year since 1961 in which the total number of civilian employees decreased. The decrease between December 1973 and December 1974 was 6,900, comprising a fall of 63,800 in the number of private employees and a rise of 56,900 in the number of government employees. Decreases in particular industries were:

- Manufacturing 83,800 (6 per cent), of which: clothing and knitted goods 13,700 (15 per cent), ships, vehicles, etc. 13,600 (7 per cent), founding, engineering, metal working 13,500 (3 per cent), yarns, textiles, etc. 13,200 (26 per cent), and food drink and tobacco 6,700 (3 per cent).
- Retail trade 9,100 (2 per cent)

These decreases were partly offset by increases in:

- Education 24,100 (10 per cent)
- Health, hospitals, etc. 18,100 (7 per cent)
- Public authority activities, (n.e.i.) 14,800 (7 per cent)

* Employment in manufacturing in December fell to its lowest level since May 1969.

and salary earners not the total labour force. The statistics therefore exclude employers, self-employed persons and unpaid helpers. Also excluded, because of the inadequacy of current data, are employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and some part-time employees. For the sake of brevity, wage and salary earners are referred to in the tables as 'employees'.

4. Persons who are on paid leave or who work during part of the pay-period and are unemployed or on strike during the rest of the period are generally counted as employed. Those not shown on employers' payrolls because they are on leave without pay, on strike or stood down for the entire period are excluded.

Method of estimation

5. The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1966 population census. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked to the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. Current returns are of three main types:

- . payroll tax returns
- . returns from government bodies
- . other current employment returns (e.g. for hospitals).

6. Recorded employment obtained from these sources is estimated to account for about 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered. The balance (that is, unrecorded private employment) is estimated.

Government employment

7. Government employees comprise not only administrative employees but also all other employees of government bodies (Australian, State, local and semi-government) on services such as railways, road transport, banks, post office, air transport, education (including universities), broadcasting, radio and T.V., police, public works, factories and departmental hospitals and institutions.

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding. The figures shown are subject to revision.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This preliminary statement will be followed in due course by the monthly bulletin *Employment and Unemployment* (Reference No. 6.4) which gives information in greater detail.

Reference period

2. Current data supplied by reporting enterprises or establishments generally refer to persons on the payroll for the last pay-period in each month.

Scope of Estimates

3. The series in this statement relate only to wage

TABLE 1. — CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(‘000)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T. (a)	Australia	
									Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)
MALES										
1973—November	1,133.2	848.6	420.5	281.4	233.0	91.2	21.2	46.4	3,075.5	3,072.5
December	1,138.6	854.3	419.9	283.9	234.5	92.2	21.5	46.5	3,091.5	3,080.2
1974—November	1,125.9	850.5	425.7	286.0	239.3	91.9	23.4	48.7	3,091.5	3,088.2
December	1,120.3	851.3	419.9	286.0	239.2	92.6	(c)23.1	48.9	3,081.4	3,070.2
FEMALES										
1973—November	634.8	487.3	210.5	155.5	130.9	43.2	11.0	28.2	1,701.5	1,690.4
December	635.4	489.4	210.7	155.0	129.9	44.0	11.1	28.5	1,703.9	1,696.8
1974—November	634.7	491.6	218.3	162.5	134.7	44.3	13.0	30.8	1,729.8	1,718.5
December	624.9	487.3	216.3	157.7	132.7	44.7	(c)12.7	30.9	1,707.1	1,700.2
PERSONS										
1973—November	1,768.0	1,335.9	631.0	436.9	363.9	134.4	32.2	74.6	4,777.0	4,763.1
December	1,774.0	1,343.7	630.6	438.9	364.4	136.2	32.6	75.0	4,795.4	4,772.2
1974—November	1,760.6	1,342.1	644.0	448.5	374.0	136.2	36.4	79.5	4,821.3	4,807.0
December	1,745.2	1,338.6	636.2	443.7	371.9	137.3	(c)35.8	79.8	4,788.5	4,765.3

(a) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators*, 1974 (Reference No. 1.10). (c) Refers to the period immediately prior to cyclone Tracy.

TABLE 2. — TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT) AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(‘000)

Month		Government (a)				Civilian employees	Defence forces (c)	Total civilian employees and defence forces	
		Private	Australian	State (b)	Local (b)				Total (b)
MALES									
1973—	November	2,226.8	263.8	486.5	98.4	848.7	3,075.5	67.9	3,143.4
	December	2,234.9	270.9	487.2	98.5	856.6	3,091.5	67.2	3,158.7
1974—	November	2,214.0	272.6	504.6	100.2	877.5	3,091.5	64.5	3,156.0
	December	2,196.3	277.6	506.8	100.7	885.1	3,081.4	64.1	3,145.5
FEMALES									
1973—	November	1,391.7	101.1	193.5	15.2	309.8	1,701.5	3.0	1,704.5
	December	1,396.2	102.7	189.7	15.3	307.7	1,703.9	2.9	1,706.8
1974—	November	1,388.1	109.9	215.8	16.0	341.7	1,729.8	3.1	1,732.9
	December	1,371.0	110.9	209.2	16.0	336.1	1,707.1	3.1	1,710.2
PERSONS									
1973—	November	3,618.5	364.9	680.0	113.7	1,158.5	4,777.0	70.9	4,847.9
	December	3,631.1	373.6	676.9	113.8	1,164.3	4,795.4	70.1	4,865.5
1974—	November	3,602.1	382.6	720.4	116.2	1,219.2	4,821.3	67.6	4,888.9
	December	3,567.3	388.4	716.0	116.7	1,221.2	4,788.5	67.2	4,855.7

(a) Includes semi-government bodies. (b) Excludes State and local government employees (4.9 thousand persons in December 1974) engaged in agriculture, or in private homes as employees of government emergency housekeeper services. (c) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

TABLE 3. — CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES BY INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(^{'000})

Month	Forestry, fishing and trapping	Mining and quarrying	Extracting, refining, founding, etc. (a)	Metal products	Machinery and parts	Total founding, engineering, metal working (b)	Ships, vehicles, etc.	Yarns, textiles, etc.	Clothing and knitted goods	Food, drink and tobacco	Total manufac- turing (b)	Electricity, gas, water and sanitary services	Building and construction
MALES													
1973 — November	13.3	69.8	88.9	104.4	103.3	347.7	177.6	28.4	17.1	148.8	1,045.0	108.6	363.9
December	13.4	70.0	89.8	104.7	103.9	349.6	178.0	28.4	17.3	146.7	1,046.1	108.7	362.3
1974 — November	13.4	73.9	90.1	100.9	104.6	346.2	172.1	23.2	15.8	146.1	1,019.0	110.5	363.4
December	14.0	74.8	89.6	100.0	103.0	342.3	167.5	22.4	15.5	142.1	1,001.9	110.7	359.8
FEMALES													
1973 — November	0.7	4.7	9.1	26.6	20.0	89.6	27.1	23.1	73.0	56.8	384.7	8.7	20.6
December	0.8	4.7	9.1	26.5	19.9	89.3	27.0	22.9	72.8	55.7	382.0	8.7	20.8
1974 — November	1.0	5.1	9.6	25.1	19.9	86.9	25.3	16.6	63.0	56.1	355.9	8.9	20.3
December	0.8	5.2	9.4	24.2	18.8	83.1	23.9	15.8	60.9	53.6	342.4	9.0	20.3
PERSONS													
1973 — November	14.1	74.5	98.0	131.1	123.3	437.3	204.7	51.5	90.1	205.6	1,429.8	117.2	384.5
December	14.2	74.7	99.0	131.1	123.8	438.9	205.0	51.4	90.1	202.4	1,428.1	117.5	383.0
1974 — November	14.4	79.0	99.7	126.0	124.4	433.2	197.5	39.8	78.9	202.2	1,374.9	119.4	383.7
December	14.8	80.0	99.0	124.2	121.8	425.4	191.4	38.2	76.4	195.7	1,344.3	119.7	380.1
Month	Road transport and storage	Total transport and storage (b)	Communi- cation	Finance and property	Retail trade	Total commerce (b)	Public authority activities, (n.e.i.)	Health, hospitals, etc.	Education	Total community and business services (b)	Hotels, personal service, etc.	Total amuse- ment, hotels, personal service, etc. (b)	Total all industry groups
MALES													
1973 — November	105.3	225.5	98.7	129.5	243.5	461.4	149.1	53.1	109.8	279.7	92.6	130.9	3,075.5
December	105.3	225.9	105.1	130.2	247.7	467.7	149.7	53.4	108.2	279.6	94.5	132.8	3,091.5
1974 — November	105.8	231.2	101.5	131.4	244.3	462.2	155.7	57.0	117.5	295.1	94.5	134.2	3,091.5
December	105.3	231.5	106.3	131.0	245.4	464.6	156.5	57.5	116.3	294.5	95.9	135.9	3,081.4
FEMALES													
1973 — November	14.0	30.2	30.1	100.5	290.9	383.8	74.5	223.0	149.7	475.3	164.3	187.7	1,701.5
December	14.1	30.4	31.4	102.2	296.7	390.2	75.1	222.9	144.2	469.1	165.3	188.6	1,703.9
1974 — November	14.6	31.5	31.4	106.2	288.6	383.2	82.8	237.7	168.4	508.4	170.2	195.2	1,729.8
December	14.5	31.4	32.6	105.9	289.9	383.4	83.0	236.9	160.2	498.7	169.6	194.4	1,707.1
PERSONS													
1973 — November	119.3	255.7	128.8	230.1	534.4	845.1	223.6	276.1	259.4	755.0	256.9	318.6	4,777.0
December	119.4	256.3	136.5	232.4	544.4	857.9	224.7	276.3	252.4	748.7	259.8	321.4	4,795.4
1974 — November	120.4	262.7	132.9	237.5	533.0	845.4	238.4	294.8	285.9	803.5	264.7	329.4	4,821.3
December	119.8	262.9	139.0	236.9	535.3	848.0	239.5	294.4	276.5	793.2	265.6	330.2	4,788.5

(a) Includes manufacture of metal rods, bars, sheets, pipes, tubes and wire (except electric). (b) Includes industries not specified in the preceding columns.

TABLE 4. — CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(‘000)

Month	Total civilian employees			Private/Government (persons)		Principal industries (persons)	
	Males	Females	Persons	Private	Government (a)	Manufacturing	Commerce
ORIGINAL							
1973 — November	3,075.5	1,701.5	4,777.0	3,618.5	1,158.5	1,429.8	845.1
December	3,091.5	1,703.9	4,795.4	3,631.1	1,164.3	1,428.1	857.9
1974 — January	3,087.7	1,687.0	4,774.7	3,612.4	1,162.3	1,424.8	838.6
February	3,097.4	1,717.8	4,815.2	3,635.9	1,179.3	1,433.4	839.1
March	3,109.1	1,736.2	4,845.3	3,658.8	1,186.5	1,438.8	844.0
April	3,109.6	1,742.9	4,852.5	3,662.2	1,190.3	1,439.0	844.6
May	3,118.1	1,751.4	4,869.5	3,676.1	1,193.4	1,440.8	848.0
June	3,119.7	1,753.8	4,873.5	3,675.9	1,197.6	1,437.7	847.1
July	(b)3,106.5	(b)1,747.4	(b)4,853.9	(b)3,650.3	(b)1,203.6	(b)1,421.4	(b)840.8
August	(b)3,101.2	(b)1,741.2	(b)4,842.4	(b)3,635.5	(b)1,206.9	(b)1,411.5	838.6
September	(b)3,098.0	1,737.5	(b)4,835.5	(b)3,625.9	1,209.6	1,405.7	837.9
October	3,095.0	1,732.6	4,827.6	3,613.9	1,213.7	1,388.1	841.8
November	3,091.5	1,729.8	4,821.3	3,602.1	1,219.2	1,374.9	845.4
December	3,081.4	1,707.1	4,788.5	3,567.3	1,221.2	1,344.3	848.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (c)							
1973 — November	3,072.5	1,690.4	4,763.1	3,599.6	1,163.7	1,421.7	835.0
December	3,080.2	1,696.8	4,772.2	3,614.0	1,163.4	1,429.5	836.7
1974 — January	3,087.6	1,700.5	4,788.6	3,618.7	1,172.9	1,426.7	838.7
February	3,088.5	1,716.1	4,804.2	3,630.5	1,174.6	1,428.3	842.5
March	3,098.6	1,728.0	4,828.1	3,646.1	1,177.5	1,429.5	846.8
April	3,103.5	1,739.1	4,844.0	3,658.1	1,181.8	1,437.6	847.0
May	3,113.6	1,748.5	4,862.1	3,673.8	1,186.7	1,440.6	848.2
June	3,121.1	1,755.8	4,877.5	3,682.5	1,195.5	1,440.7	850.2
July	(b)3,115.3	(b)1,754.3	(b)4,869.3	(b)3,665.3	(b)1,204.2	(b)1,427.9	(b)846.6
August	(b)3,111.4	(b)1,749.1	(b)4,861.2	(b)3,651.5	(b)1,209.5	(b)1,417.8	845.9
September	(b)3,110.1	1,742.3	(b)4,852.3	(b)3,637.6	1,214.9	1,409.8	842.7
October	3,107.2	1,732.5	4,840.7	3,619.6	1,221.5	1,389.3	843.3
November	3,088.2	1,718.5	4,807.0	3,583.0	1,224.7	1,366.8	835.4
December	3,070.2	1,700.2	4,765.3	3,550.5	1,220.4	1,345.5	827.1

(a) See footnote (a) to Table 2. (b) Affected by industrial disputes. (c) See footnote (b) to Table 1.

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